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Dear Sir:

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Priority is claimed from June 27, 2000, June 28, 2000, and June 28, 2000, based on Japanese Application Nos. 2000-192785, 2000-194250, and 2000-194253, respectively.

Respectfully submitted,

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PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Hideki INOMATA, Okikazu TANNO, and Tokumichi MURAKAMI

Appln. No.: None Assigned

Filed: June 27, 2001

For: PICTURE CODING APPARATUS AND PICTURE CODING METHOD

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1. PTO Transmittal Letter (original and 1 copy)
2. Application, including the specification (57 pages), claims 1-27 (pages 58-65), the Abstract (page 66);
3. Informal Drawings (Figs. 1-19);
4. One (1) page Appendix.